35. (As filed) A device as in claim 34, wherein the advancable means has a pre-formed tip which deflects laterally as it is advanced from the catheter.

36. (Previously Amended) A device as in any of claims 33 to 35, wherein the advancable means comprises a guide tube having a lumen therethrough and a penetrating element removably received in the lumen and extending from a distal tip of the guide tube, wherein the penetrating element can be withdrawn from the guide tube after the guide tube has been placed between the access penetrations to leave the guide tube lumen as the filament path.

37. (As filed) A device as in claim 36, wherein the penetrating element is a stylet.

38. (As filed) A device as in any of claims 33 to 35, further comprising an expandable anchor disposed over at least a portion of the catheter.

42. (As filed) A device for positioning a filament in a body lumen, said device comprising:

a catheter which can be introduced through a first access penetration into the body lumen, said catheter having a proximal end, a distal end, and a lumen therethrough;

a guide tube reciprocatably disposed in the lumen of the catheter so that the guide tube can be advanced from the distal end of the catheter, said guide tube having a proximal end, a distal end, and a lumen therethrough, wherein the distal end of the guide tube is deflectable; and

a penetrating element reciprocatably mounted in the lumen of the guide tube so that the penetrating element can be advanced from the distal end of the guide tube to penetrate a luminal wall in a direction determined by deflection of the distal end of the guide tube.

43. (As filed) A device as in claim 42, wherein the guide tube has a pre-formed tip which deflects laterally as the guide tube is advanced from the catheter.

44. (As filed) A device as in claim 42, wherein the penetrating element is a stylet.

45. (As filed) A device as in any of claims 42 to 44, further comprising an expandable anchor disposed over at least a portion of the catheter.